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FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association assembled at 7:30 o'clock with Second Zion Grove Baptist Church Plymouth, N. C., R. F. D., October 18, 1928.

The devotional was conducted by Rev. N. S. Hargrave and Rev. J. A. Taylor. The latter sang Hymn No. 449. The former read for the Scripture lesson the sixth chapter of Isaiah to the 11th verse. Prayer by J. A. Taylor.

Rev. N. S. Hargrave sang one of Standard's words, "Nearer My God To Thee."

The Moderator, Rev. J. W. Williams, rose and after a few preliminary remarks announced the Association open and ready for business. And in keeping with the program, the welcome address was in order. Pastor C. B. Sharp delivered the welcome address. Rev. W. L. Everett responded to the welcome address, who touched every phase. After the address,

LOCAL PROGRAM BEGAN

Miss Sofie Harris	Sub. Little Joseph
Miss Ruth Bell	Responded
Miss Hattie Chance	Responded
Miss Hattie Chance	Responded
Miss Allen Moore	Solo
Miss Mary Chance	Responded
Miss Rose Davenport	

Reading, "*The President of the Woman's Club*"

Miss Viola Bell	Responded
Miss M. E. Faulk	Responded

Brother James Thomas and Bro. Odell Sutton raised the collection. Amount, \$4.05.

Prayer was offered over the offering by Rev. C. B. Sharp.

The White Rose Quartette sang two selections, "Get Away From the Devil."

The Rising Sun Quartette sang two selections: 1st, "Playing on the Golden Harp"; 2nd, "Christ a Friend to Man."

The Association extended to them a rising vote of thanks, after which the ministers and delegates were appointed homes.

Was orderly dismissed by Rev. J. H. Harris.

Rev. J. H. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*.

Rev. J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

Rev. W. L. TAYLOR, *Assistant*.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Middle Ground Missionary Baptist Association assembled in its morning session with Second Zion Church, Plymouth, N. C., R. F. D., October 19, 1928. The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. H. Harris and Rev. J. L. King. The former sang Hymn 129. The latter read Scripture Lesson the 4th chapter of Paul's letter, and 2nd Timothy.

Invocation by Rev. L. T. Bonds.

Second Hymn No. 178, words, "Come Ye That Love the Lord,"

etc. The Moderator then announced the meeting open and ready for business. The minutes were read and adopted.

Appointments of committees were in order. Committees as follows:

Committee of three on Finance: Bro. Warnhouse, Bro. Lemon Hollie, Mrs. A. J. Wynn. *See report.*

Committee of seven, Officers: Rev. G. W. Macknier, Rev. C. H. Stokes, Bro. H. Ruffin, Rev. J. W. Rogers, Rev. A. Daniel, Bro. John Belchey, Rev. A. Ruff. *See report.*

Committee of three on Resolutions: Rev. N. S. Hargrave, Rev. J. A. Taylor, Rev. C. B. Sharp. *See report.*

Committee of three on Obituary: Rev. J. A. G. Macknier, Rev. W. L. Everett, Rev. R. B. Mobley. *See report.*

Committee of seven on Placing Preachers: Rev. N. A. Brown, Bro. P. T. Everett, Sister Lucia Worley, Bro. C. L. Staton, Bro. Scot Pittman, Bro. Snowdie Slade, Bro. J. C. Moore. *See report.*

Committee of three of state and condition of the country: Rev. L. T. Bonds, Rev. N. S. Hargrave, Rev. F. J. Jenkins. *See report.*

The Moderator's address was in order, in the person of Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D. He rose and delivered it with power. It was full of thought and brought inspiration to the Association. A space of 10 minutes was given for different expressions. It was led by J. H. Harris.

The business of the occasion was called off for preaching. Rev. G. W. Macknier ascended the rostrum and chose for his alternate Rev. A. Ruff. The Alternate sang Hymn No. 507, words, "I Heard the Voice," etc. The Moderator rose and introduced the speaker, who selected for his text the 11th verse of the 6th chapter of Paul's letter to the 1st Timothy. Words, "A Good Fight." He was master of his text. Preached a soul-stirring sermon.

Rev. C. B. Sharp sang one of his Standards, "Love Lifted Me," etc. Rev. A. Daniel was asked to lift the collection. Amount, \$5.06. Was orderly dismissed by Rev. W. B. Moore.

Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

Rev. J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled in its afternoon session at 2:00 P. M.

The services were conducted by A. H. James and C. H. Stokes. The former lined and sang Hymn No. 163, "Dark Was the Night." The latter read for Scripture lesson the 20th chapter St. Matthew. 20 verse. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Moore.

Second hymn, No. 6, "Oh for a Heart to Praise My God."

The Moderator arose and announced the meeting open and ready for business. The minutes were read, received, and stood affirmed.

By order of the Moderator, the names of churches and names of ministers were called. The business of the Association was called off for preaching.

The regular appointees, Rev. L. T. Bonds, ascended the stand, chose for his alternate Rev. W. B. Moore, who selected Hymn No. 147, words, "God Moves in Mysterious Ways."

The Moderator arose and introduced the speaker, who selected for his text the 7th verse of the 20th chapter of St. Matthew, words, "Wherefore, by thy fruits ye shall know them." He gave the proper outlines and preached an inspiring sermon.

Rev. W. B. Moore lifted the collection of \$2.05. Was dismissed by Rev. J. A. Britt.

J. W. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*
J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

Reassembled at 7:30 P. M., Second Zion Grove Baptist Church October 19, 1928. The regular appointees ascended the stand, Rev. J. W. Rogers and Rev. E. S. Bowers. The latter sang Hymn 126. The former read for Scripture lesson the 4th chapter of Malachi.

Invocation, Rev. J. A. Britt. Second hymn, No. 178.

The Moderator, N. S. Hargrave, arose and introduced Bro. P. T. Everett to give the history of the Association. He did so from 30 years back to date.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Bro. Everett for the history he delivered to the Association.

The speaker of the hour was Rev. J. Rogers, who selected for his text Revelations, 1st chapter and 7th verse, words, "Behold, he comes with clouds, and every eye shall see him," etc.

He preached a strong sermon.

Prayer by W. W. Staton.

Song by the Moderator, "Nearer My God To Thee."

Dr. Mitchell and wife came before the Association and spoke in the interest of the work and interests of our race. A vote of thanks were given in return. Bro. P. T. Everett lifted the collection of \$8.00. Was dismissed by Rev. W. B. Moore.

J. W. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*.
J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Second Zion Grove Baptist Church, Plymouth, N. C., October 20, 1928.

The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Brown and Rev. A. Bashley. The latter lined and sang Hymn No. 147. The former read for Scripture lesson 1st chapter of St. John, 12 verses.

Invocation, Bro. Paul Clemmons.

Second Hymn, No. 275.

The Moderator arose and announced that the meeting was open and ready for business.

The minutes were read, received, and affirmed.

The roll of churches and ministers were recalled.

The hour arrived for preaching, the appointees ascended the stand, Rev. J. A. Britt and Rev. J. F. Bryant. The latter sang

"Give Me That Old Time Religion." The Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. A. Britt, who selected for his text 2nd Peter, 3rd chapter, 18th verse, words, "Grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," etc. He preached a soul-stirring sermon.

Rev. N. A. Brown lifted the collection of \$5.50.

Invocation, Rev. J. F. Bryant.

Rev. C. B. Sharp sang "Walking Jerusalem."

The secretary, W. L. Everett, and treasurer, P. T. Everett, made their reports. See report.

Was orderly dismissed by Rev. J. S. Bryant.

J. W. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*.

J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Middle Ground Association reassembled at its appointed hour, 2:00 P. M., at Second Zion Grove Church, Plymouth, N. C., October 20, 1928. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Moore and Rev. F. L. Floyd. The latter sang Hymn No. 147. Scripture readings were from the seventh chapter of St. John.

Invocation, Bro. John Belchy.

Second hymn, No. 23.

The Moderator arose and announced the association open and ready for business. The minutes were read and stood affirmed.

The schools were called to represent and they represented the Upper Bound Union with \$60.00 and the Sisters' Union with \$60.00. The business of the Association was called off for preaching.

Rev. N. A. Brown ascended the stand and chose for his attendant, Rev. J. A. Macknier, who sang Hymn No. 214. The Moderator arose and introduced the speaker, Rev. N. A. Brown. He selected for his text, Matthew 16:16, words, "Thou Art the Christ," subject, A Great Confession. He preached a strong and spiritual sermon, and the Holy Ghost burned in our souls.

Rev. C. W. Brown lifted the collection of \$4.05.

Was orderly dismissed by Rev. J. N. Williams.

J. W. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*.

J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

THIRD DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Middle Ground Association reassembled in its night session at 7:30 P. M.

The regular appointees ascended the stand, Rev. C. W. Brown and Rev. W. B. Moore. The former sang Hymn No. 123 and read the 11th Chapter, 1st Corinthians, to the 25th verse.

Invocation, Rev. C. B. Sharp.

Second hymn, No. 503, words, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," etc.

The Vice Moderator arose and introduced the speaker of the hour in the person of Rev. W. B. Moore, who selected for his

text Psalms, 17th chapter, 15th verse, words, "I shall not be satisfied," etc.

The Moderator asked Rev. J. A. Macknier to lift the collection, which amounted to \$3.00.

The Association was turned into the hands of the Sisters. The President of the Sisters' Union, Sister Davenport, took charge. The Sisters collected from envelopes at the table the sum of \$65.00. Rev. J. W. Williams was given a purse of \$5.00.

A motion to give a vote of thanks to the Second Zion Grove Baptist Church and the community for so kindly taking care of the association was approved.

Was orderly dismissed by Rev. C. B. Sharp.

J. W. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

J. A. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

W. L. EVERETT, *Assistant.*

Total amount collected, \$866.33.

1928 ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Dr. J. W. Williams	\$5.00
Rev. J. S. Reddick	5.00
Rev. C. W. Brown	5.00
Rev. J. A. G. McNear	5.00
Rev. W. L. Everett	5.00
Rev. J. A. Taylor	5.00
Rev. N. S. Hargrave	5.00
Rev. G. W. McNear	5.00
Rev. C. H. Stockes	5.00
Rev. Frank Jenkins	1.00
Rev. N. A. Brown	5.00
Rev. Robert Brown	
Rev. J. W. Rhodgers	5.00
Rev. J. B. Brown	
Rev. Sam Horn	1.00
Rev. I. S. Tyson	
Rev. R. Fleming	1.00
Rev. J. H. Taylor	
Rev. J. H. Harris	5.00
Rev. S. P. Joyner	
Rev. H. H. Hall	
Rev. J. A. Britt	
Rev. C. T. Utley	
Rev. C. B. Sharp	5.00
Rev. L. T. Barnes	5.00
Rev. A. Ruff	2.00
Rev. E. S. Barnes	5.00
Rev. A. H. James	5.00
Rev. W. W. Staton	1.00
Rev. J. F. Bryant	

1928 ROLL OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Brother R. B. Mobley

Brother J. H. Floyd	2.50
Brother H. A. Brown	2.50
Brother L. N. Williams	
Brother A. Daniel	2.50
Brother J. T. Cromwell	2.50
Brother A. D. Bashley	2.50
Brother H. H. Halley	

LIFE MEMBERS

P. T. Everett	.50
A. A. Howell	.50
A. J. Wynn	.50

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE M. G. R. ASSOCIATION FROM OCTOBER 15, 1927, TO OCTOBER 17, 1928

Received from the Association	\$ 537.42
Oct. 3. Received from Cedar Hill	115.95
Oct. 3. Received from Conetoe Chapel	4.00
Oct. 15. Received from Pop'ar Point	2.00
Oct. 15. Received from Poplar Point	5.00
Oct. 15. Received from W. L. Everett	11.60
Jan. 28. Received from St. Johns	100.72
April 29. Received from Hamilton	134.61
May 28. Received from Weeping Mary	6.25
July 29. Received from Wynn's Chapel	96.80
Aug. 4. Received from G. T. Hill	1.00
Sept. 29. Received from Long Chapel	115.48
Sept. 29. Received from W. L. Everett	.50
	\$1.131.33

DISBURSEMENTS FROM OCT. 15, 1927, TO OCT. 17, 1928

Oct. 15. Overdrawn	\$ 90.16
Oct. 16. Expenses of the Association	68.50
Oct. 30. Expenses of Cedar Hill Asso.	21.40
Nov. 1. A. L. Wynn	10.45
Nov. 15. G. E. Association	450.00
Dec. 26. Mrs. T. W. C. Moore	30.00
Jan. 28. Expenses of St. John Asso.	30.50
Jan. 28. P. T. Everett, in a note	10.00
Jan. 28. W. L. Everett	5.00
Jan. 28. J. W. Williamston	5.00
Jan. 28. A. J. Wynn	6.45
Feb. 21. Returned check	6.25
April 29. Expenses Hamilton Association	32.60
April 29. A. J. Wynn	9.00
May 24. W. L. Everett for G. E. Association	100.00
July 28. Expense of Wynne Chapel Association	29.05
July 28. A. J. Wynn	9.00
July 29. W. L. Everett	3.50
July 29. N. S. Hargraves	9.00
Sept. 30. Expenses Long Chapel Association	33.50

Sept. 30. Cara McNear	10.00
Sept. 30. Lucia Brook	12.50

\$1,017.76

Money on hand to date 113.07

This I submit for your investigation.

P. T. EVERETT, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATING OFFICERS

We, your committee of nominating officers, beg to report:

Dr. J. W. Williams, Moderator; Rev. N. S. Hargrave, Assistant Moderator; Rev. J. A. Taylor, Secretary; Rev. W. L. Everett, Assistant Secretary; Bro. P. T. Everett, Treasurer; Rev. G. W. McNear, Statistical Secretary; Rev. C. W. Brown, Historical Secretary.

Executive Board: Rev. J. W. Williams, Rev. C. W. Brown, Rev. J. W. Rhodgers, Rev. J. A. G. McNear, Rev. W. L. Everett, Rev. G. W. McNier, Rev. N. A. Brown.

Trustee Board: Rev. J. A. Taylor, Rev. W. L. Everett, Bro. A. J. Wynn, Rev. A. H. James, Rev. C. H. Stokes.

All of which we humbly submit.

Rev. GEORGE W. MCNEAR,
 Rev. C. H. STOKES,
 Rev. A. H. RUFFIN,
 Rev. J. W. RHODGERS,
 Bro. A. DANIEL,
 Bro. JOHN BELCHER,
 Rev. A. RUFF, *Committee.*

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	When Organized	CLERKS	CLERKS' ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	PASTORS
Popular Point	Martin	1872				J. W. Williams
Sycamore Chapel	Martin	1884	M. Willis	Hamilton	C. L. Staton	H. H. Hall
Liley of the Valley	Martin	1892	A. J. Barnes	Everetts	P. T. Everett	J. W. Williams
Reed's Chapel	Pitt	1902	D. Bullock	Macclesfield	C. L. Morgan	C. W. Brown
Lily of the Valley	Washington	1896	G. W. Simlows	Plymouth, R.F.D.	John Belcha	C. B. Sharp
St. Paul	Martin	1887	P. S. Williams	Hassell	Scott Pittman	J. R. Stanbury
St. John	Pitt	1880	J. H. L. Roberson	Plymouth	W. R. House	J. A. G. McNear
Belmont	Martin	1896	E. D. Lloyd	Robersonville	J. H. Everett	J. A. G. McNear
Robersonville Chapel	Martin	1890	W. H. Knight	Robersonville	N. Teal	J. A. Britt
Cedar Hill	Martin	1890	Anna Brown	Williamston	Eddie Bones	J. A. G. McNear
Chapel Hill	Martin	1872	Addie Hillard	Williamston	N. D. Hillard	J. B. Brown
Weeping Mary	Martin	1900	Lula Cherry	Hassell	Annie Jenkins	N. A. Brown
Mt. Shiloh	Martin	1898	I. Battle	Williamston	Henry Ruffin	L. T. Barnds
2nd Zion Grove	Washington	1893	L. H. McNear	Plymouth	L. H. Holley	C. B. Sharp
Long Ridge	Washington	1871	R. H. Ruffin	Plymouth	J. C. Moore	J. F. Bryant
Wynns Chapel	Pitt	1896	J. H. Cornel	Greenville	Susie Worsley	J. H. Harris
Sandy Point	Martin		S. R. Price	Williamston	H. Smallwood	N. A. Brown
Long Chapel	Halifax					N. S. Hargrave
Willow Chapel	Martin	1883	R. Briley	Robersonville	A. Wiggins	Dr. J.W. William
Conetoe Chapel	Edgecombe	1908	Almeto Little	Bethel	M. Stancil	N. A. Brown
Barnabas Chapel	Martin	1904				J. W. Rhodgers
St. James	Martin	1908	S. C. Nickols	Williamston	John Dugger	A. Ruff
New Hope	Edgecombe	1919	C. Gainer	Bethel	J. A. Taylor	J. A. Taylor
St. Mark's	Martin	1879	W. F. Hyman	Oak City	C. Williams	C. T. Utley
Olive Branch	Martin	1893			H. F. Forrest	N. S. Hargrave

